



BRIGHT SPOT



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Welcome S.K. Steven

Ivanhoe Commandery was very pleased to create and welcome new Sir Knight Steven Miner. We are very pleased and proud to Sir Knight Steven to our ranks. Our officers did an excellent job conferring the Order of the Temple and S.K. Steven was duly impressed.

Special thanks to all the Officers and Members who attended and helped with different parts. A couple of our Officers were unable to attend and we are lucky to have dedicated Sir Knights who are always willing to 'go the extra mile' and jump in to fill openings. Ivanhoe Commandery is very proud of the ritual excellence and dedication of the Officer Corps who work so hard to maintain the level of excellence expected by our membership. Well done Sir Knights!

It is especially rewarding to see several of our newer Sir Knights taking parts and getting active in the ritual work, as well as in our Commandery. S.K.s C. Zvara, Neldner and Misko are becoming old pros, and S.K. O'Kray did great his first time as Warder.

This was the last Knighting of our 2014-2015 class. We were lucky to create six new Knights, S.K.s Jozwiak, Misko, M. Zvara, Dirk, Buchholz, and Miner and look forward to seeing them at Conclave. Again, welcome to Ivanhoe Sir Knights!

Ivanhoe Commandery continues to grow as we add some really fine men to our ranks. And the best news is, many of them are getting active and taking on officer roles and helping out in general. Now we need you to come out and join us! They are excited! We are excited to have them! It's time for you to get excited! Together we can all make Ivanhoe great. See you in the Asylum!



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Prelate's Apartment

The Empty Tomb

Rev. S.K. Roger

On that first morning of the week, day breaks into chaos, sorrow, joy, disbelief, and hope fight out rival claims to the first disciples' hearts as rumors and stories chase one another through the community. No wonder the accounts clash!

Amid the confusion, one irrefutable fact stands: The tomb is open. And it is empty.

Explanations spring up like weeds. Some say 'they' have carried Jesus off, says Mary Magdalene to a doubtless amused 'gardener'. The guards assigned to prevent anyone from carrying off the body of Jesus claim that Jesus' own disciples stole the body and took it away in the night. These same guards still had their employer's bribes jingling in their pockets. But '**no**' counter some of the women. '**He** met with us, **He** talked to us on the road. **He's** alive.' As more and more voices add to their chorus, and tales of **Jesus' appearances** multiply, the tomb begins to fade into the background of this Easter week's Gospels, and the witnesses move elsewhere.

But still the tomb stands open, And still it is empty.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem contains an empty spot venerated as its very site the fourth century. The point is the tomb's proclamation of Easter here and now.

From the Israelites in the desert to the Pharisees in Jerusalem, God has lamented our human habit of burying ourselves not in the ground but in the stone caskets of hardened hearts. God calls to us still today in Psalm 95, often prayers at the beginning of the Church's Morning Prayer: Don't do it again! When the Israelites, fresh out of Egypt refused to trust that God would do anything about the hunger and thirst that were killing them. They could not imagine that God would summon a future for them out of the desert wastelands, even though they had seen the sea open at their feet. And where imagination is locked in a box, hope suffocates and dies.

In the Gospels, **Jesus** grieves over the Pharisees. Their hearts have hardened into whitewashed sepulchers, filled with the bones of their dead forebears' hopes. The prophets had fueled those hopes with the promise of a new covenant. Its laws would be written not on stone tablets but in human hearts. But **Jesus'** present hearers have shut their eyes, ears, and hearts to any possibility that God might break out their own stone-carved rules, even when the new law made flesh in their midst raises the dead to life before their very eyes.

We know them, the Israelites and the Pharisees. We know what it is to seal ourselves into stubborn refusal of **Christ's** invitation to come out of habits of mind and spirit that are slowly destroying us. We are afraid as, the disciples were afraid behind their locked doors on Easter night. We dare not hope any more than they did that God will overcome the invisible enemies threatening us with suffering and death.

Yet still the tomb stands open. And still it is empty. It announces that no tomb can hold us now, not even our self-made sepulchers, unless we choose to stay. When our imagination fails and hope withers, the tomb proclaims in silent boldness that all things are possible with God. **ALLELUIA!**

Easter Observance

Ivanhoe Commandery will hold our Annual Easter Observance on Sunday, April 4th at 5:00 pm, right here at Lake Masonic Center. Reservations are closed for the buffet dinner at 6:00 pm, but if you failed to make your reservation and still wish to attend the religious service, you are most welcome to do so. The Observance starts at 5:00 pm sharp. Please be on time.

We look forward to celebrating this important day with our Templar family. See you in the Asylum!



Elections

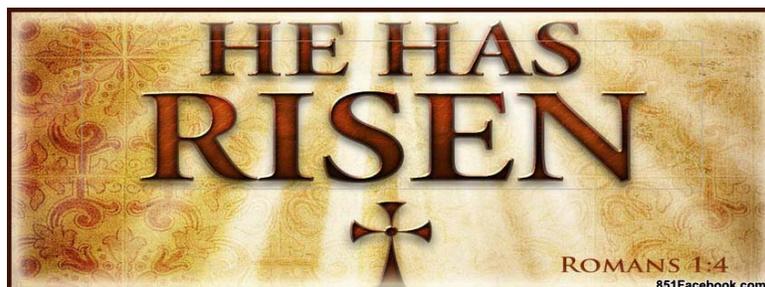
Can you believe it? Another Templar Year is drawing to a close. It's been a busy year filled with excitement, and in all honesty some pain. The Officer Corps rose to meet the difficulties and in the end, the year was a huge success for Ivanhoe Commandery. We enjoyed many successful Observances and events while we continue to create new Sir Knights and build on our momentum.

Next year is shaping up very well as we look forward to another great 'Class'. We anticipate having at least ten more Sir Knights at this time next year. Our calendar is coming together and we look forward to celebrating Ivanhoe Commandery's 125th anniversary. Throw in a Drill Team win at the Buffalo Triennial, and we have the makings for a banner year at Ivanhoe.

Officer Elections will be held on April 1st. Be sure to come and cast your vote for our leadership. Make your voice heard and support our officers. Your support is all they ask for their many hours of service and devotion to our Commandery.

Our Installation of Officers will be held on April 15th. Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm and then show your support for our new Officer Corps as they present themselves for installation and take the obligation to lead our Commandery for the ensuing Templar Year. Make your dinner reservations with Mick.

With your support, we plan to get the next Templar Year started off in due form. We hope to see you in the Asylum!



Commander's Corner

Welcome to April and the newest issue of the Bright Spot. This is a vital communication device for our Commandery and I hope you are all getting the most you can out of it. The calendar alone is worth your attention. My appreciation goes out to "Mick" for all of his hard work, month to month, to publish this fine newsletter.

If there is something you would like to see, or read about, or if you have a question about Templary in general, don't be afraid to ask. We are working on many things right now in our Commandery. We are getting ready for Grand Sessions in Green Bay in June. Our Drill Team is getting in shape for the competition at Buffalo in August and we are getting things ready for our celebration of our 125th Anniversary in October! Busy, busy, busy!

I have talked to the Secretary for Silas Shepherd Lodge No. 1843 Lodge of Research, S.K. Khristian Kay and asked if they would be willing to do an Ivanhoe Commandery history book! It will cover our 125 year history in Milwaukee. That will be awesome and most of you will be in there! We have also finalized the Anniversary Coin order and that should be going in shortly, if it hasn't already. It is amazing to see where we have been and how big we were, and we still help to set the example.

We will be trying a few different caterers through out the coming year. Partly for a change of pace and partly to see if we are being as fiscally responsible as we think we are. This will be a big budget year with the Triennial and the 125th Anniversary. Add to that the increase in costs around the board and anyone's budget begins to suffer. I wish the cost of living raises were keeping up with the increase in the cost of everything. I know... I am a dreamer.

April is elections and installation...of course having elections on April Fools Day is a bit too ironic. But, please come and take part. Vote for your leadership and show your support. The third Wednesday is Installation and our own S.K. Lauren Handeland, RENCDC, will be our Installing Commander with our S.K. Dave Schreier, PGC as Installing Marshal. This is a fun night for the whole family with good food and an opportunity to make a great start at the next Templar Year.

Remember that Easter Observance is the first Saturday in April at 4 pm right at Lake Masonic Center. Also our Drill Team meets on the 12th and the 26th at South Milwaukee High School for practice. Even if you are not on the team you are welcome to come and watch and give the men your support.

Don't forget that Ascension Day Observance is at Three Pillars Chapel on May 17th at 10 am. Please get an RSVP into Mick as soon as possible so we can get a head count to the kitchen at Three Pillars. I will have pricing for the brunch at our next meeting.

Please remember the true meaning of Easter this month and rejoice in the Lord.

To my Templar Family, may God Bless you all.

E. C. Clint



Drill Floor



Shifts and changes, shifts and changes, this team has been through the mill. Take note that we have learned that there should be a significant break in the training after a triennial and then a gradual come back to competitive prowess, which will be implemented this Fall. We all have too many irons in the fire and too much else on our plate to not give the Drill a break and get it off of our plate for a time. Unfortunately our training regimen for the last three years has kept our feet to the fire and we have suffered some burn-out. We have also implemented some new requirements and rules when we did away with the Drill Corps and those have come to bite some of us in the keister! Remember that you must, by the rules of the Commandery Drill Team Committee attend many other Commandery functions in order to qualify for any of the financial remunerations offered to Team members and to stay eligible for membership on the team. There are only a few who have already been designated to be allowed some exemptions.

Please review this excerpt from last years Drill Team Annual Meeting Minutes:

*Guidelines for qualification to receive Remuneration for **Drill Team***

(As presented in the May, "Bright Spot" Newsletter, "From the Drill Floor" section)

- 1. Be in "Good Standing" as a member*
- 2. Attend Ivanhoe's Annual Homecoming and Inspection*
- 3. Attend at least, 1 of the 3 "Mandatory" Religious observances*
- 4. Attend Grand Conclave Session, Friday and Regimental Review Saturday*
- 5. Attend at least 70% of Drill Team practices*

**Exemptions may be considered by the Drill Corp Executive Board, Consisting of the:
Em. Cmdr., DC Pres., DC V.Pres., DC Sec., DC Treas. and the Drill Capt.*

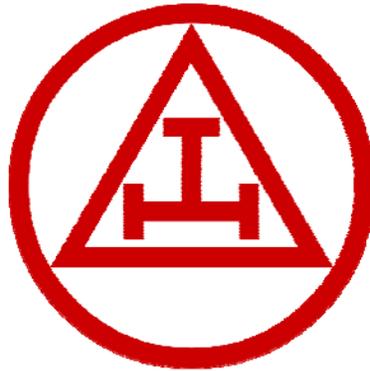
In observance of these 5 requirements, we have team members that may not be qualified to attend the Triennial. If you know you are on that list please see me or the Team Vice-Chair or Drill Captain to let us know immediately, so you do not have to be cut. If special circumstances are involved, the Board can review the situation and vote on a resolution. There is much money involved with all of this and it is only fair that the Commandery which is footing most of the bill, receive your best effort.

In accordance with our new structure the new Drill Team Committee will be appointed by the new Commander after April's installation, with the Committee forwarding their recommendation for Drill Captain to the Eminent Commander for approval as in the past.

I know our Team has the resilience to finish this year with high marks. I have watched them dig deep these last 3 years and with shoulders laden with the burden of other responsibilities and duties, they have stood by their promise and proven their dedication. We have had a few 'bad hits' this last year and that has greatly affected us, but I see us already moving past all that and looking with keen eyes to Buffalo. We still have something to prove...to ourselves if no one else. And, Buffalo is our chance to make our mark! I believe we will stand out, from our team jackets and Esprit De Corps, to our comportment and Drill Execution. This team can do it!

D.C. Clint

THE OFFICERS AND COMPANIONS
OF
WEST ALLIS CHAPTER #84 R.A.M



Invite you to attend our open
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
7:00 pm Monday, May 4th, 2015

Lake Masonic Center
1235 E. Howard Ave.
Milwaukee, WI
Light Reception to Follow

Stated Convocation will take place at 6pm prior to Installation.

“He was parted from them, and
carried up into heaven.”



Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24,
Knights Templar

Invites You to Join us for an

Ascension Day Observance

Sunday, May 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Three Pillars Chapel

410 North Main Street, Dousman

Luncheon Buffet to follow, \$10.25 per person.

Reservations required. Pay at the door.

R.S.V.P. Mick Olson, 414-764-7953 or mick290@att.net before May 5th.

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

On March 18, 2015 Ivanhoe Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple upon Knight Steven Miner. The Officer Corps did a fine job conferring the Order and all present enjoyed a great night of Templary.

At 7:00 pm on **April 27, 2015** West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM will confer the Most Excellent Master Degree upon no less than eight candidates. RAM Degrees are scheduled for **June 22, 2015** at 7:00 pm and a Double RAM on Saturday, **July 18th**; one at 9:00 in the morning, then lunch, then another RAM at 1:00 in the afternoon. Watch for further details. Please come and support these new fraters on their journey through the Capitular Degrees.

West Allis Chapter's Installation of Officers will be on **May 4, 2015** at 7:00 pm. This is an open installation and everyone is welcome. A light reception will follow.

The Wisconsin & Illinois Grand Chapter Degree Festival will be held on **May 9, 2015** in Racine. Registration is at 8:00 am, degrees begin at 9:00. There is a lunch for \$15.00. Reservations to Mick are required for lunch and degrees.

Kilbourn Council No. 9 will install it's Officers on **April 22, 2015** at 7:00 pm. The Royal Master and Select Master Degrees will be conferred in the morning of August 29th. A luncheon will follow. Watch for further details.

All this happens right here at Lake Masonic Center. 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!





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ARE YOU EAGER TO GET ALL YOU CAN OUT OF BEING A TEMPLAR?

DOES A SHARP UNIFORM, MILITARY DRILL AND ESPRIT DE CORPS APPEAL TO YOU?

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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 Team
Or email Drill Committee Chairman S.K. Clinton Cagle at:
badbullcagle@wi.rr.com or call him at: (262) 497-6730

IVANHOE CALENDAR

April

- 1 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
Election of Officers
- 4 Easter Observance, 5:00 pm
Lake Masonic Center (See flyer pg. 8)
- 5 Happy Easter!
- 6 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation/Elections
- 12 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm
- 15 Installation of Officers, 7:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
- 26 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm
- 22 Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM, 7:00 pm
Installation of Officers
- 27 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Most Excellent Master Degree
- 30 S.E.W.Y.R.U., 6:30 pm
Lake Masonic Center

May

- 4 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 6:00 pm
Stated Convocation/ Installation
- 6 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
Election of Officers
- 9 WI & IL Grand Chapter RAM Festival
Racine
- 10 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm
- 17 Ascension Day Observance, 10:00 am
Three Pillars
- 20 Ritual Practice 7:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
- 24 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, All Day ?
- 27 Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM, 7:00 pm
Installation of Officers



2014-2015 Officer Corps

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| Commander..... | Clinton H. Cagle, G.Sw.B.,P.C. |
| Generalissimo..... | Michael P. Clinnin, G.T. |
| Captain General..... | Lyle C. Farrell, K.T.C.H., P.C. |
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| Junior Warden..... | James J. Janczak, P.C. |
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| Sword Bearer..... | Daniel D. Gorecki |
| Warder..... | Donald P. O'Kray |
| Sentinel..... | Lyle R. Hubbard, K.T.C.H., P.C. |
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