



BRIGHT SPOT



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Happy New Year!

2015 is here! Happy New Year!! But we sure had a great close to 2014.

On December 7th we held our Christmas Observance with sixty Sir Knights, Ladies and family members in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious meal before retiring to the Asylum for a very inspirational Christmas Observance to commemorate the birth of our savior. Sir Knights Roger and Blair led us in the religious service and our Grand Prelate S.K. Scott Baron read the names of those Sir Knights who answered the roll of the eternal Asylum above. These departed fraters shall be missed.



We also participated in the traditional Christmas Observance Toasts and were very pleased to have several distinguished guests in attendance who delivered their responses in person, or served as representatives of others. Thank you to Brother William Beecher, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; S.K. Lauren Handeland, Right Eminent North Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment; S.K. Ross Pollock, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; and S.K. John Pratt, Most Illustrious Grand Master for attending and participating in this wonderful event. A special thanks to their lovely Ladies for accompanying them.

On December 17th we held our annual Christmas Dinner at DiCarlos. We enjoyed an exceptional meal and the best fellowship you can imagine. While many of our 'usuals' were with us, we were very pleased some of our new Sir Knights were able to join us. We enjoyed a wonderful night of Christian fellowship as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas.

Lady Dorothy and Chief Elf Leo again played Santa's helpers by picking up all the beautiful Poinsettias, which has become a favorite part of the evening for all our ladies. The Christmas flowers are always the perfect ending to a wonderful night together.

So, Ivanhoe Commandery did a stellar job in seeing off 2014, and now eagerly awaits all that 2015 will bring; special events, Knightings, and a triennial. We are anxious to continue the rejuvenation of our Commandery and to celebrate 125 years of service to our fraters, our Community, and our Lord. We look forward to sharing it all with you! Come, join us, and make 2015 the best year ever for Ivanhoe. Happy New Year! See you in the Asylum!

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to 2015!! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and filled up on enough eggnog to last you a while. This is going to be a busy year for our Commandery. We have come so far and accomplished so much; and this Fall we will hit a milestone of 125 years! There are some awesome plans in the works to help us celebrate. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

We have a full schedule for the Drill Team with Triennial coming up in August and we have a great team that will be ready to compete. We have O.T.s and Ascension Day and an Easter Observance coming up and we'll have elections to add to all of that. We have a few changes that we are looking at, so make sure you get to the stated conclaves so you can be a part of the decision making process.

I want to thank all of you that helped get 2014 in the books, too. We definitely have some stars in our line up, like Dorothy and Leo Cigale, Mick Olson, Brad Bingheim, Blair Dixon, Dan Gorecki, REDC Lauren Handeland, PGC Dave Schreier and many more. Like those that stepped up to help out and fill in, PGC Brian Hudy, Jim Janczak, Lyle & Heidi Farrell and Lyle Hubbard; our steadfast officers Mike Clinnin, Lou Montgomery, Shawn Noble, LeRoy Kifer, Don O'Kray, and of course our newest Sir Knights, Mike Neldner, Conrad Zvara, George Jozwiak, Mike Zvara, Pete Misko, Edward Dirk and Robert Buchholz! What a great group of people. Thank you all, and my apologies to anyone omitted.



For the coming activities and events I want to ask your help with a few things. Some are simple... like during the conferral of Orders, please NO food or drinks in the Asylum. If you are seen to bring these items in, you will be asked to leave them outside of the Asylum. This is a posted policy of the Lodge and it is a good policy. Unfortunately the policy is posted on the doors that we usually chain open or simply walk past without reading. As the Asylum is dark during much of the time an Order is being conferred it makes it too easy to spill, and our Landlords do a great job of maintaining that building so, let's help them out and leave the drinks and food in the dining area.

Next, during conclaves or the conferral of Orders please DO NOT use the door next to the Records/Prompters desk in the "East" to enter or leave the Asylum. This has become a bad and distracting occurrence and I am as guilty of it as any. It is usually dark in those back rooms and we do not want any accidents. So, again please use the "outer door" in the West and properly give the Penal Sign upon entering and exiting. Two obvious reasons for this is so the Commander can see who is coming and going in his Asylum and so the Sentinel can do his job of assuring himself that all who enter or exit are allowed to do so and perform his proper security function.

I would also ask that if you are an inexperienced member who does not attend our Conclaves and training sessions regularly, that you read our Tactics and Rituals so as not to encounter any embarrassing faux pas, like stepping onto the "Field" during a conferral. Also, while all of us are Christians and are familiar with the "Lord's Prayer", we are also aware that due to the many denominations of our faith there is more than one version of that prayer. To avoid a lack of harmony ONE version has been set aside in our ritual so that we may all harmoniously expound our faith in unison. This version is readily available in our ritual or you may ask any of our officers if you need help.

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St. Michael the Archangel

Michael in Biblical and post-Biblical lore, ranks as the greatest of all angels, whether in Jewish, Christian, or Islamic writings, secular or religious. He derives from the Chaldeans by whom he was worshipped as something of a god. He is the chief of the order of virtues, chief of archangels, prince of the presence, angel of repentance, righteousness, mercy and sanctification; also ruler of the 4th Heaven, angelic prince of Israel, guardian of Jacob, conqueror of Satan (bearing in mind that Satan is still very much around and unvanquished), etc. His mystery name is Sabbathiel. In Islamic writings he is called Mika'il.



According to the Talmud Michael is recognized by Sarah as one of 3 men whom Abraham entertained unawares. Legend speaks of Michael having assisted 4 other great angels-- Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael, and Metatron-- in the burial of Moses. Michael disputed with Satan for possession of the body. In earliest Muslim lore located Michael in the 7th Heaven on the borders of the Full Sea, crowded with an innumerable array of angels. With Gabriel, Michael is most commonly pictured angels in the works of classic masters. He is depicted most often as winged, with unsheathed sword, the warrior of God and slayer of the Dragon (a role later apportioned to St. George).

Among the recently discovered Dead Sea scrolls there is one titled *War of the Sons of Light Against the Sons of Darkness*. In this case he is called the Prince of Light. He leads the angels of light in battle against the legions of the angels of darkness, the latter under the command of the demon Beliel.

The complete listing of deeds of St. Michael the Archangel are very many and I just wanted to point out this important Saint of the 3 greatest religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The latest news of Michael is that Pope Pius XII declared him to be (in 1950) the patron of policemen. Below is the prayer used by those who believe in this angel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, Thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls, AMEN

Rev. S.K. Roger

Drill Floor

By the time you read this it will be January 2015 and we will have only 7 months to prepare for August 8-12 in Buffalo. Things move quickly from here as all of you who have been to Triennial before, know. V.C. Bingheim is working very hard to address the transportation options available to us with the help of S.K. Shawn Noble. S.K. Mike Clinnin is preparing a booklet like we had in 2012 and will need all of your pertinent contact data and that of your traveling companion also...phone numbers, email addresses, medical alert info if necessary, maps and hotel info etc., so expect to hear from him.



Changes are coming and schedules too, we are just trying to get our "ducks in a row" with the school. The cost may have increased and the hours might change a bit, but for now we have little alternative but to continue on with South Milwaukee High School. I am sure we will get the schedule out to everyone as soon as the school is open and back in full swing for 2015. We are looking at one drill in Jan. if we can, and then two a month until May, when we will ramp it up to four or more until we leave in August for Buffalo. Expect a full dress rehearsal in there towards summer.

I have "Tactics Manuals" on order, hopefully they will be here soon. Budgetary considerations and hotel reservations are being addressed also. Sword sling adaptors will be completed as soon as possible, everyone on the team will receive one if you haven't already. We will be looking at uniforms and what our "Drill" uniform will be early this quarter too, so we can all get on the same page. We should look at stipulating what our Drill Team uniform will be permanently so we do not have to keep addressing it triennially. Our Uniform Regs allow for Drill Teams to decide on a specific uniform for wear during Drills and Competitions, it is time we put that in writing.

There are plenty of inspections coming up so you can practice some of your moves, the more you attend, the better. If you are from Ivanhoe there are expectations of a higher standard, let's maintain that standard. As the Commandery history reminds us, "Do It For Ivanhoe"!

Make yourself a checklist for the Triennial...Passport, Uniform, sword, chapeau, shoe shine kit, a black marker to blacken your buttons, a polish rag to shine your brass, gold or silver, a new pair of gloves, maybe a new white shirt, cell phone, sewing kit, Drill Schedule from the Grand Encampment website, camera, spending money, meds, travel kit, etc. Get a haircut before you go.

Make every drill you can between now and the triennial. There are several members of the team that have missed enough drills to be in jeopardy of being cut! As a matter of fact, there were so many missing at the last drill of the year that we had to totally alter the structure of the team so we could practice the drill...which is bad news for those of you who were not there...because it was one of the best practices we had in 2014!! There was no bickering, there were no interruptions, the men hit their mark on almost every execution, the Drill Captain was on point and the time spent was used wisely. Which has me considering altering our line up. Our team, as it was that night, is ready for Buffalo. I was impressed to say the least.

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Commander's Corner (cont'd)

Our beloved Lady Dorothy and her best buddy Leo have been taking care of chow for us for some time, and they do a great job, but many hands can make the work lighter. If you can spare a bit of time or your spouse or significant other would like to help out, please contact Dorothy or the Commander and we will be more than happy for your assistance.

Budget, budget, budget...we need to put together a budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 year. This budget is going to be big, but that is the nature of the Triennial beast. We need to address the triennial Drill Team competition, training hall time, transportation, photographers, uniforms, regalia and equipment; we need to look at the Drill attendance at Green Bay in June, we have Observances and events to plan for, a Homecoming Inspection, Conclaves, Orders, Board and Committee meetings and a 125th Anniversary to celebrate, we have a maintenance fee to pay and Caterers to contract, and the list goes on. I will do my best in working with our Board and Trustees to be as fiscally responsible as possible while still working to maintain Ivanhoe's high standards. Your help and consideration in accomplishing this will be a boon to our financial future by curtailing wastefulness. I know we have high expectations as members of Ivanhoe and we have a large budget that supports that. Let's try to be mindful if we can.



A “Board of Review”, basically the Executive Board with a few appointees as necessary, will be starting their work this month. Their primary goals are two fold...

One... to act as a nominating committee and to make recommendations of Sir Knights for Ivanhoe's Progressive Officer Line. To help us keep our ducks, or Sir Knights in a row and ensure that Ivanhoe's quality of leadership is addressed and maintained going forward.

Two... to act as a review board and executive committee for the new Drill Team Committee. It will be their jobs to “set the line” and ensure that the Team is structured for the best possible success and to maintain a high level of training and expertise. They will over see any “tryouts” and finalize any positions held within the team. This will be the new Committee formed to replace the old system of elected officers.

This was a long article. I promise to trim them down in the future.

E. C. Clint

May God Bless You and Yours.



Drill Floor (cont'd)

We will have a review board soon and we will be considering changes. Read your Drill Schedules and be ready to work. The review board will be held in January, prior to our meeting on either the 7th or the 21st. Keep an eye out for that notice as you may be called before the board for your input. If you are on the Review Board...start thinking of problems we need to address and what is best for the team.

D. C. Clint

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

On **January 21, 2015** Ivanhoe Commandery will be conferring the Short Forms of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta. There will be a dinner served at 6:00 pm with the Orders commencing at 7:00 pm. Orders of the Temple will be scheduled in February and/or March. Please join us.

West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM will be conferring the Past Master Degree on January 26, 2015 and **February 23, 2015** at 7:00 pm. We anticipate five candidates each night. Please come and support these new fraters on their journey through the Capitular Degrees.

January starts Inspection Season. This is our chance to support our sister Commanderies and enjoy the Christian Fellowship of Commandery. Dates are: Jan. 3, Eau Claire; Jan. 10, Green Bay; Jan. 24, Madison; Jan. 31, Sheboygan; Feb. 14, Platteville; Feb. 21, Janesville; Feb 28, Burlington; Mar. 21, Oshkosh. Mark you calendars now. We hope to see you as we travel about the state promoting our fraternity.

We will be conducting a Flag Presentation and Escort for the Installation of our own S.K. Dan Gorecki as Master of Independence Lodge No. 80 on **January 24th**. Please be there by 5:30 pm if you can assist us in giving S.K. Dan our full support. Congratulations Dan!

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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To Join...

Contact any member of the Ivanhoe Commandery Drill Corps
Or email Drill Committee Chairman S.K. Clinton Cagle at:
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IVANHOE CALENDAR

January

- 1 Happy New Year!!
- 5 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation
- 7 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
- 14 Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM, 7:00 pm
Stated Assembly
- 21 Short Forms Illustrious Order of the Red
Cross and Order of Malta. Dinner at 6:00
pm, Orders at 7:00 pm.
- 26 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Past Master Degree
- 28 Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM,
NO MEETING (Moved to the 14th)

Inspections

- 3 Eau Claire Commandery No. 8
- 10 Palestine Commandery No. 20
- 24 Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3
- 31 Sheboygan Commandery No. 32

February

- 2 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation
- 4 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
- 14 Happy Valentines Day, Ladies!
- 18 Order of the Temple 7:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
- 23 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Past Master Degree
- 25 Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM, 7:00 pm
Stated Assembly

Inspections

- 14 Platteville Commandery No. 35
- 21 Janesville Commandery No. 2
- 28 Burlington Commandery No. 50



2014-2015 Officer Corps

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