



# BRIGHT SPOT



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IVANHOE COMMANDERY NO. 24

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## Happy New Year!

2016 is here! Happy New Year!! What a great 2015.

2015 started with our preparations for Buffalo's Triennial Drill Competition. We held our Annual Homecoming and Inspection in November to clear the path for our final preparations. Once a month practices became twice a week as we polished and prepared. Soon summer was upon us, and as they say "The rest is history." We have some very proud Sir Knights showing off some pretty new watches. Well done, Sir Knights! Or is that Champion Sir Knights?



On April 4th we gathered for our Easter Observance. Sir Knights Roger and Blair led us in the religious observance where we again hosted the Chapter Of Rose Croix. On May 17th we made a pilgrimage to Three Pillars where we enjoyed a great day with the residents to observe Ascension Day.

On October 3rd we once again assisted Wisconsin Commandery in conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta in full form. We are the only ones keeping these beautiful Orders alive in Wisconsin. The ritual work was outstanding. As always it was a great day and we were very proud to create and admit seven new Knights for Ivanhoe!

On December 6th we held our Christmas Observance with sixty Sir Knights, Ladies and family members in attendance. Sir Knights Roger and Blair led us in the Christmas Observance to commemorate the birth of our savior and we remembered those Sir Knights who answered the roll of the eternal Asylum above. We also participated in the traditional Christmas Observance Toasts that mark this special occasion. We then enjoyed a delicious meal together, enjoying the fraternity of our Order at this very special time of year.

So, Ivanhoe Commandery was very busy in 2015, and now eagerly awaits all that 2016 will bring; special events, seven Knightings, and great fellowship. We are anxious to continue the rejuvenation of our Commandery as we continue 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 2016 the best year ever for Ivanhoe. Happy New Year! See you in the Asylum!

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## Commander's Corner

Well, its 2016, have you collected all of your paperwork for last years taxes? I swear it gets tougher every year to do my taxes. Maybe getting older has something to do with that, or maybe the process really is getting that much more convoluted. But, just like every other year I still think the tax code is purposefully confusing and unfair...how American!

I hope everyone had a Great Christmas and a fun New Year's celebration. The days are getting longer, (a little bit at a time). The weather has been throwing us for a loop and I know a few ice fishermen that are sulking. The Presidential primary is coming up with one of the biggest, most meaningful elections in our history due this fall. We start our OTs this month and we have our Inspection and Homecoming next month! It's a busy start to what is going to be a "barnbuster" of a year.



We are in our 125<sup>th</sup> year and cruising at light speed. Our calendar is full with inspections, OTs, Easter Observance and Ascension Day Observance, elections for the Commandery and installation; and the Drill Team starts their ball rolling, too. Post your calendar from this issue where you can see it and remember we need all of you, all of the time, so maybe this year, as a New Years resolution you could consider a little "extra" participation at the Commandery level.

We will have new officers in a few months and they will need all the attendance and support they can get. Many of you will be asked to serve on various committees. Please help out if you can, our committees do the bulwark of running the Commandery. I am sure you're ready to see the old Commander in your rearview mirror after two years. I also have a feeling that we will see an increase in men looking to be a part of something bigger than themselves and supportive of their Christian beliefs. That would make a large and lively group of Templars ready to welcome them a great asset. So let's work on that mindset.

While you're calibrating the Bright Spot Calendar with your home calendar, don't forget to check the meal schedule to see when the Dinners, Potlucks and Pizza Nights will be and please remember to get those "RSVPs" in to our Recorder in plenty of time for him to coordinate the headcount for meals. If you want your meal to be there, then you have to let us know you are going to be there! Remember that the First and Third Wednesdays are our regular meeting nights, with the first Wednesday always being our Stated Conclave. If you want to understand what we are doing better and you want to have your voice heard, make sure you are here at 7pm on that 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, in full uniform.

Do you have your 2016 dues card? Don't delay, write that check today! The Drill Team's dues are listed on that invoice, so if you want to participate, remember them when you are writing your check.

I want to thank all of you for your support these last two years. It has meant a lot to me. I know I couldn't please everyone, but I feel we put together two great years with plenty of accomplishments to go around and most of that is due to your participation and support of this Commandery. Thank you for your time and thank you for your commitment. I know April is not here yet, but I did not want you to think I forgot you. May God bless you and keep you and may your year be prosperous.

*E. C. Clint*

# Prelate's Apartment

A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Samuel, Chapter 12, verses 1-7 & 10-17

The Lord sent Nathan to David, and when he came to him, Nathan said: "Judge this case for me! In a certain town there were two men, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had flocks and herds in great numbers. But the poor man had nothing at all except one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He nourished her, and she grew up with him and his children. She shared the little food he had and drank from his cup and slept in his bosom. She was like a daughter to him. Now, the rich man received a visitor, but he would not take from his own flocks and herds to prepare a meal for the wayfarer who had come to him. Instead he took the poor man's ewe lamb and made a meal of it for his visitor." David grew very angry with that man and said to him: "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this merits death! He shall restore the ewe lamb fourfold because he has done this and has had no pity."

Then Nathan said to David: **"You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "The sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will bring evil upon you out of your own house. I will take your wives while you live to see it, and will give them to your neighbor. He shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. You have done this deed in secret, but I will bring it about in the presence of all Israel, and with the sun looking down."**

Then David said to Nathan: **"I have sinned against the Lord."** Nathan answered David: **"The Lord on His part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die. But since you have utterly spurned the Lord by this deed, the child born to you must surely die."** Then Nathan returned to his house.

The Lord struck the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David, and it became desperately ill. David besought God for the child. He kept a fast, retiring for the night to lie on the ground clothed in sackcloth. The elders of his house stood beside urging him to rise from the ground; but he would not, nor would he take for with them. **The word of the Lord.**

**Most of the thoughts that follow are not mine but instead are from St. Augustine who was Bishop of Hippo in 395. He was one of the most important figures in the development of Western Christian thought:**

Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. This was not the way David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: *I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me (Psalm 51)*. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts upon himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burned offerings you will take no delight...but continue to listen and say with David: A sacrifice to God in a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. . .*

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search with your heart for what is pleasing to God. Just ask God for this: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

*Rev. S.K. Roger*

# Drill Floor

## Drill Team Schedule 2015-16

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm Lake Lodge	Full Form Opening Drill
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS / TBD	Learn Drill Routine
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	3-5pm SMHS / TBD	Drill
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS / TBD	Drill
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm SMHS / TBD	Drill
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Drill Team Exhibition - Grand Convocation	
TBD – Exhibition at Indiana Grand Convocation.		

### UPCOMING PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES:

We have been asked to present flags and honor guards for several upcoming installations. Please support these Brothers (and young ladies) Contact the Senior Warden – S.K. Brad Bingheim if you are willing and able to assist. [Bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:Bbingheim6@gmail.com) or 414-581-2278.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Independence Lodge No. 80 Installation of Officers – 5:30pm  
Flag Presentation (arrival by 5pm)

January 8<sup>th</sup> Bethel No. 6 Job's Daughters Installation of Officers– 7:30pm  
Special Flag Presentation (arrival by 6:45pm)

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## Inspection!

It all happens February 13, 2016 at Lake Masonic Center. The day will start with coffee, donuts and milk while the Officers make final preparations for the big day. At 11:00 we will all enjoy a lunch together before the ladies embark on their day's activities and the men-folk begin the day's Inspection by conferring the Order of the Temple upon our special guest, Knight William Reid. Following the Order of the Temple we will enjoy a snack while the paraphernalia is cleared and then finish the day with the Reception of Grand Officers, Reception of the Flag and Full Form Opening.

It's that time of year again. A time for all Sir Knights to dust off their sword, fluff up their plumes and come to Ivanhoe's Annual Homecoming and Inspection. This is your opportunity to come back to Ivanhoe and catch up on the news, camaraderie and fun.

Following the ritual work, we will all enjoy a delicious banquet in fellowship hall. Carved beef and shrimp with all the trimmings and a wonderful dessert will cap the perfect day of Templary.

You should have already received your invitation in the mail. If you misplaced it, look for a spare on page 7. Either way, get your reservations to Mick **before February 1st** or you risk missing out on the biggest day of the year for our Commandery. See you in the Asylum!

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

West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM conferred the Mark Master Degree upon three candidates on December 7th following a brief Stated Convocation. We were very pleased our Grand High Priest, Companion Ray Mielke was able to join us for the evening. We have done ritual work for five of our new members, plus three courtesy candidates. That makes eight new Mark Masters in two months! Congratulations to our new members! Please come and support our new fraters as they continue their journey through the Capitular Degrees.

We are very pleased to have seven Orders of the Temple scheduled: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> for Harry Patterson; February, 13<sup>th</sup> for William Reid; February 17<sup>th</sup> for Jon Falk; March 16<sup>th</sup> for Jeremy Hilgendorf; March 30<sup>th</sup> for Pedro Acosta; April 13<sup>th</sup> for Kirk Poser and May 18<sup>th</sup> for Dennis LeDoux. See page 8 for more details. These are very important nights for our Commandery. Be sure to join us, support our candidates and renew your vows of Knighthood.

Lake Masonic Center has become the hub of action in the York Rite. Come and support our candidates as they progress in our degrees. 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!



## 125th Anniversary Coins



If you missed the 125th Anniversary party you missed our new challenge coin.

These limited edition coins are now available for just \$10.00 while supplies last.

Contact Mick and order yours before they are all gone!



West Allis Chapter No. 84, R.A.M. presents

### The Royal Arch Widow's Degree



**Monday, February 22, 2016**

**6pm Dinner**

**7pm Degree**

\$25/Couple - \$15/Single

Lake Masonic Center



Join us as we poke fun of ourselves and honor our ladies for allowing us the time required to be Masons.

RSVP to Brad Bingheim by Feb. 17th; [bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:bbingheim6@gmail.com) - 414-672-9354.

## 200th Anniversary Malta Jewel

To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Masonic Templary in America, the Grand Encampment has designed a new Malta Jewel. This jewel will be sent from the Grand Encampment to all those who are Knighted during the Anniversary Year.

Pictured at right is the jewel available to the membership. This jewel is available for purchase from the Grand Encampment for \$25.00. The difference between the jewels is the ribbon. The ribbon of the jewel awarded by the Grand Encampment to new Sir Knights will be half white and half black.

If you wish to purchase a 200th Anniversary Commemorative Malta Jewel, Send a check for \$25.00 per jewel to Mick with a note as to how many jewels you wish to purchase. A combined order will then be processed. The Grand Encampment will not process individual orders. Once received, you may pick up your jewel at our next conclave.

Orders must be received by January 31st. This is a wonderful opportunity to own a piece of Templar history.



## Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 Homecoming and Inspection

Sir Knights and Ladies;

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Homecoming and Inspection of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, K.T. on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at the Lake Masonic Center, 1235 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The itinerary for the day is listed below.

Please join us on this important day for our Commandery.

Courteously yours,



Clinton H. Cagle, Commander

9:00 A.M.	Coffee, Rolls, Socialization
11:00 A.M.	Lunch
12:30 P.M.	Chamber of Reflection
1:00 P.M.	Order of the Temple Ladies Activities**
3:30 P.M.	Break
4:00 P.M.	Reception of Grand Officers Reception of the Flag of the United States Full Form Opening
6:00 P.M.	Inspection Banquet



\*\*The ladies activities will include a trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum. The tour bus will depart at 1:00 P.M. There is a \$10.00 charge for the tour. There will also be ladies activities at the Lodge for those not attending the tour. Any questions, call Mick at 414-397-3076.

Cost for lunch \$5.00 and dinner is \$20.00 per person. Dinner will be Shrimp and Chef Carved Beef with all the trimmings and dessert.

**DINNER AND TOUR RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY February 1, 2016.**

Reservations received after February 1<sup>st</sup> cannot be guaranteed and will be charged an additional \$10.00.

**Please make your check payable to 'Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24' and return with your reservation to: Mick Olson, 618 Clark Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172.**

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### IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 24 INSPECTION BANQUET

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches.      Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners.      Cost for meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the museum tour. (\$10.00)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

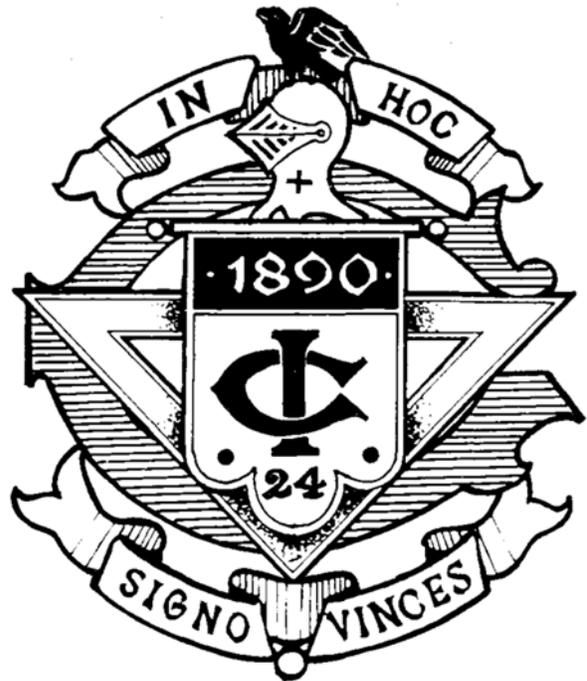
Total enclosed (Meal(s) plus tour) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Calendar of Events (Tentative)

Please print and save this calendar. It will be a handy reference for the remainder of the Chivalric Year.

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| Jan. 6  | Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening).                                   |
| Jan. 10 | Drill Practice: Lake, 4pm   |
| Jan. 13 | OT Practice: Pizza at 5pm, practice at 6.                             |
| Jan. 20 | Order of the Temple.  |
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| Feb. 3  | Stated Meeting (Full Form Opening).                                   |
| Feb. 10 | Full Form Opening Practice if needed (Dress: biz caz, sword & sling). |
| Feb. 13 | Inspection.   |
| Feb. 17 | Order of the Temple.  |
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| Mar. 2  | Stated Meeting.   |
| Mar. 13 | Drill Team: SMHS, 3pm   |
| Mar. 16 | Order of the Temple.  |
| Mar. 26 | Easter Observance.  |
| Mar. 30 | Order of the Temple. *  |
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| Apr. 6  | Stated Meeting: Elections.  |
| Apr. 10 | Drill Team: SMHS, 3pm   |
| Apr. 13 | Order of the Temple. *  |
| Apr. 20 | Installation.   |
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| May 1   | Ascension Day Observance.   |
| May 4   | Stated Meeting.   |
| May 5   | Drill Team: SMHS, 3pm   |
| May 18  | Special Conclave. *   |

\*Dinner not yet determined.




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## Ivanhoe Dinner Schedule 2015-2016

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| January 20  | Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)               |
| February 13 | Inspection, Catered Dinner (Jobies serve)   |
| February 17 | Pizza                                       |
| March 16    | Pot Luck                                    |
| March 26    | Easter: Catered Dinner                      |
| April 20    | Installation, Catered Dinner (Jobies serve) |
| March 30    | Pizza                                       |



**IVANHOE COMMANDERY**  
Competitive Drill Team  
**Wants You!**



**DO YOU LIKE COMPETITION? DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?**

**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?**

**THEN WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?**



**HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN!**

**NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!**

**ALL WE REQUIRE IS THE DEDICATION AND THE COMMITMENT TO DO YOUR  
VERY BEST TO ATTEND PRACTICES AND ADHERE TO THE NECESSARY  
DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING.**

**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 Team Chairman S.K. Brad Bingheim at: [bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:bbingheim6@gmail.com)  
or call him at: (414) 672-9354

# IVANHOE CALENDAR

## January

- 1 **Happy New Year!**
- 4 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Stated Convocation
- 6 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full From Opening
- 10 Drill Team Practice, 4:00 pm  
Lake Masonic Center
- 13 Ritual Practice: OT  
Pizza at 5pm, practice at 6.
- 20 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Order of the Temple (Dinner @ 6pm)
- 25 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Past Master Degrees
- 27 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm  
Stated Assembly

## February

- 1 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm  
Stated Convocation
- 3 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Full From Opening
- 13 Homecoming and Inspection  
See page 7 for details.
- 17 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm  
Order of the Temple (Pizza @ 6pm)
- 24 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM , 7:00 pm  
Stated Assembly
- 29 West Allis No. 84, RAM,  
Royal Arch Widow's Degree & Dinner  
Dinner 6pm, Degree 7pm, \$25 per couple

### Inspections

- 1/9 Marinette/Palestine
- 1/23 Wisconsin No. 1
- 1/30 Sheboygan/Manitowoc
- 2/6 Platteville
- 2/20 Janesville
- 2/27 Waukesha/Burlington/Racine

Reservations for our Commandery dinners are to be made with S.K. Mick Olson, [mick290@att.net](mailto:mick290@att.net) or 414-397-3076, prior to the Saturday before the Wednesday dinner and meeting.

## 2015-2016 Officer Corps

- Commander..... Clinton H. Cagle, G.St.B.,P.C.
- Generalissimo..... Michael P. Clinnin, G.T.
- Captain General..... Shawn P. Noble, G.S., P.C.
- Senior Warden..... Bradley E. Bingheim
- Junior Warden..... Daniel D. Gorecki
- Prelate..... Michael J. Neldner
- Treasurer..... Louis W. Montgomery, K.T.C.H., K.C.T., P.C.
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- Standard Bearer..... Peter J. Misko
- Sword Bearer..... George A. Jozwiak
- Warder..... Donald P. O'Kray
- Sentinel..... Lyle R. Hubbard, K.T.C.H., P.C.
- Trustees..... Lyle C. Farrell, K.T.C.H., P.C., 2016  
Bradley E. Bingheim, 2017  
Daniel D. Gorecki, 2018

- Ladies of Ivanhoe, President..... Mrs. Dorothy Cigale
- Ladies of Ivanhoe, Vice President... Mrs. Heidi Farrell



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**We're on the web!**  
**[ivanhoe24.org](http://ivanhoe24.org)**

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*Happy New Year*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face shine upon  
you, And be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon you, And give you peace.*

*Numbers 6: 24-26*