



BRIGHT SPOT



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Officers Installed

On April 16, 2014 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 installed its Officer Corps for the ensuing Chivalric Year. S.K. 'Rusty' Mitchell and his outstanding corps of officers will be leading us forward in the new Templar year and he has a full agenda to be accomplished. For the past few years Ivanhoe has been rebuilding, receiving more new members and working hard to get back to the 'good old days'. We have no doubt that there will be continued success in this term as we are looking forward to Knighting as many as 10 new Sir Knights during this Chivalric Year, as well as prepare for the Buffalo Triennial in 2015. It will be a busy year!

The Installation festivities began with an especially delicious Ivanhoe buffet at 6:00 pm. Our Officer Corps was then installed in due form by the Right Eminent North-Central Department Commander, Lauren R. Handeland as Installing Grand Commander, Eminent Grand Junior Warden LeRoy Kifer as Installing Marshal, Eminent Grand Prelate Emeritus Blair Dixon as Installing Prelate, and Eminent Past Commander Lyle Farrell as Installing Warden. Thank you to those Sir Knights for a great Installation!

There were many family members and guests in attendance, making this a very special evening for all our new Officers.

The Officers look forward to working with our new Eminent Commander and pledge to do our very best to complete his agenda and make 2014-2015 the best year yet, for Ivanhoe. All we need is your support. Come out and join us! Dust off that Chapeau, polish up that sword and come back to Ivanhoe to enjoy good food, great companionship and outstanding

Templary.

What are you waiting for?



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Officer's Call

A meeting has been called for all Ivanhoe Officers on June 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Pizza will be served at 6:15 pm, but this is a working dinner as we set dates and get our ducks properly aligned for the ensuing Chivalric Year. Bring your calendars and note pads, as well as any concerns, ideas or questions you may have. We only have an hour as we will be conferring the short forms of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta at 7:30 pm the same evening.

Dress for the Officer's Meeting is casual, but all should plan on staying for the Short Forms, where dress will be full uniform. There will not be time to change between the meeting and Short Forms. We will have ten candidates for the short forms, so let's do our best to make a good impression, and properly prepare them for their Order of the Temple.

There will be a short orientation for the new members, following the Short Forms.

Hold the following dates: May 12, O.T. Practice; June 11, Meeting and Short Forms; July 2, O.T. Practice; July 9, O.T. Practice; July 16, first O.T. conferral. We will set the rest of the schedule at our meeting.

Thank you for your service to our Commandery. We're looking forward to a great year as we bring on some new faces and continue our momentum in rebuilding Ivanhoe.



Easter Observance 2014

Thank you to all who joined us for our Easter Observance. We had a very nice attendance with more than 50 persons joining our celebration. Special thanks to Sir Knights Roger and Blair for putting together a wonderful program, and to S.K. Eddie for the music. We are lucky to have the talent necessary for these great events.

One of the highlights for me is to see the kids. Not that I mind seeing all you old people, but it is always refreshing to see little ones in the Asylum. The vitality and joy in their faces is a wonder to behold. They are the future of our craft, soon to be Jobies and DeMolays, and perhaps one day Masons and 'Stars'. Thank you to the parents who shared their families with us.

And thank you to all our Ivanhoe Family for joining us in this most important of celebrations for all Knights Templar. By sharing our faith we keep Templary alive.

Commanders Corner



Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24,

Congratulations to our Officer Corps on your elected and appointed advancement in the Officers Line. This for me is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the future of our Commandery and I wish only the best for all the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe.

I have made new appointments to our Guard Unit and hope the appointed Knights will take this encouragement to learn their role and fulfill their responsibilities for the events to come with zeal as those who have preceded them. Depending on the level of interest by those soon to be Knighted, it may become necessary to replace some of the Knights who have served our Commandery so well during the time Ivanhoe has had less than a full line of Officers. What a marvelous

problem to have.

I wish Ivanhoe to return to the days when membership flourished and there was a waiting line of Knights to become part of the active Knights on the floor. Where vying for a position was common place. Many years ago the line would advance from the Hermits positions to the Guards Positions and then to Sentinel or Warder and in that venue I wish to promote those new Knights from our ranks to working positions for the reward they justly deserve.

I mean no disrespect to those who have served our Commandery so faithfully and who may still need to be called upon to serve. We thank you for your service and know you are as happy as we are to see the new members becoming active in our Commandery.

This being a year prior to the Grand Encampment Triennial we need to prepare for the Drill Competition. I encourage all Knights to participate in our Drill practices, we are only a few men short of a "B" Drill Team and it would be wonderful to accomplish this task for 2015.

The summer will be busy as the number of our Knights of Malta will soon grow. I thank you for your dedication to renewing our membership and we look forward to unfolding the beauty of the Commandery Orders for you.

Sir Knights I am very proud to have been elected to serve Ivanhoe as your Commander and together we can make this an exceptional year for Chivalric Masonry in Milwaukee.

Again Congratulations,

Through The Redeeming Grace of Our Lord,

Edward J. 'Rusty' Mitchell – Commander



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



I vanhoe Commandery No. 24,
Knights Templar

Invites You to Join us for Our

Ascension Day Observance

Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Lake Masonic Center

Dinner Buffet at 6:00 pm, \$5.00 per person.

Observance Service following Dinner.

R.S.O.P. Mick Olson, 414-764-7953 or mick290@att.net before May 12th.

Drill Floor

Welcome to Spring...well maybe by the time this issue is published! I hope your getting out and enjoying the longer days and *all the extra time you have* and maybe squeezing in some yard work!

We have some important activities ahead of us this month, so let's get rolling. May 4th and 18th are our scheduled Drill Practices for May. Yes we scheduled around Mother's Day so that is why we aren't on our usual 2nd and 4th Sundays this month. I have to apologize ahead of time for May 4th. I will be upstate and will do my best to be back here for Drill, but I may be late. So, take attendance and get to drilling. (And if you have to, you can pester the VP).

I want to thank everyone for taking our administrative discussion at the beginning of our last drill practice to heart. It made a big difference and I felt we had a very productive practice. I also want to thank the family members that attend for their patience and support. Most of the Team Jackets were handed out. I still have some liners and jackets to get distributed. I hope most of those will be taken care of on the 7th at Conclave. I still have a few invoices out for jackets, please get that taken care of at your earliest convenience, so you can pick up your jacket, and I won't have to send some sword toting Templars out to find you!



We discussed finances and the cost to participate and maintain a team on the field for competition and we all realize how serious money is in this economy. We have responsibilities to our fellow Drill Corp, Drill Team and Commandery members to be good stewards of our funds and expenditures, and to do our best to maintain a healthy checkbook while we work to perpetuate this team. Along those lines, we looked at Grand Sessions and the remunerations paid to those who participate. On May 21st we will be holding our annual Drill Corp meeting and elections. Part of that meeting will be reviewing the Drill Corp By-laws and setting qualifications for receipt of those remunerations at Grand Sessions. If you need a copy of the Ivanhoe Drill Corp By-laws, please contact me. We had voted and approved an increase in those monies last year and it has been tabled while the By-laws were researched for any restrictions.

I propose a 5 point system for those qualifications, (like a 5-point star), you will have to earn your 5 points annually or you will NOT be eligible for those reimbursement funds. This system of points will be maintained by the Vice President and be readily available for review as necessary. It will also be instrumental in any decisions focused on who will qualify to attend the Grand Encampment Triennial Drill Team Competition as part of the Team.

Basically this is the plan:

Point number One...

You must be in "Good Standing" and up to date on all of your Masonic Dues.

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

On Monday, March 7, 2014 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM conferred their second Royal Arch Mason Degree and on April the 28th their third, in just over a month. We are proud to welcome Companions Mike Zvara, George Jozwiak and Rob Buchholz (L to R) and (Bottom Pic L to R) Tom Stachowiak, Tom Ryan and Steve Miner as the newest members of our Chapter and look forward to seeing them at our convocations.



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 on **May 17, 2014** at Lake Masonic Center. Registration begins at **7:00 am** with conferral of 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. Register candidates with Companion Michael Meyer at freemasonmike@gmail.com.

Date Changes: Ivanhoe will confer the short forms of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta on **June 11, 2014 at 7:30pm**. There will be an OT practice on **May 14th** and **July 2nd and July 9th**, with anticipated Orders of the Temple beginning on **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!





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

Drill Floor (Cont'd)

Point Number Two...

Attend the Ivanhoe Commandery Inspection and homecoming.

If some how after a year of planning you are unable to attend, you will have to attend at least two other Commandery Inspections, before Grand Sessions.

Point Number Three...

Attend at least **ONE** of the **three** required Religious Observances.

(Christmas Observance, Easter Observance or Ascension Day Observance)

These do not have to be attended at Ivanhoe, but must be verified.

Point Number Four...

You must attend the Grand Sessions Commandery Day (Usually Friday) and you must attend and participate in the Saturday morning Regimental Pass and Review.

Point Number Five...

You must attend at least **70%** of the "Drill Practices held" in the preceding year.

(That year would be from Grand Sessions to the next Grand Sessions)

These Five Points, must be earned (and documented by the VP), in order for the Knight to be eligible to receive remuneration for Grand Sessions.

Any challenges, exceptions, exemptions or appeals will be subject to a majority vote of the Executive Board of the Drill Corp, consisting of the Commander, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Drill Captain. Standing exemptions can be made for cause with majority approval of the board.

This plan is necessary to support and maintain our program and to qualify those who are working and participating in our program and Commandery.

The wording may need to be tweaked, but we have been talking about this for years and it is time to put it into action. If you have input, please come to the Annual Meeting and election on May 21st.

15 months until the Grand Encampment Triennial. Most Eminent Past Grand Master Kenneth Fischer has been asked to attend our all-day Practice and Family Picnic (Thank you Lyle Farrell for being our contact man), date and agenda to be announced.

We are hoping to have the Triennial Competition Drill Schedules by summer.

I hope you all have a happy month of May, please remember the solemn purpose of Memorial Day and thank a Vet.

May God Bless and keep you safe.

S.K. Clint, Prez



IVANHOE CALENDAR

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, 6:30 pm.
- 17 Council Festival, Lake Masonic Center.
- 18 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 21 Dinner Meeting, Drill Corps, 6:00 pm, Ascension Day Observance, 7:00 pm, Drill Corps Meeting, following.
- 26 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM **DARK**
- 28 Kilbourn Council No. 9, R&SM, 7:00 pm, Stated Assembly.

June

- 2 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm Stated Convocation.
- 4 Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm, Light Dinner, 6:00 pm.
- 6-7 Grand Lodge, Annual Communication
- 11 Line Officers Meeting, 6:30 pm, Short Forms, IORC & OM , 7:30 pm.
- 18-21 York Rite Grand Sessions, Green Bay. (No conclave on 18th)
- 22 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 23 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm Special Convocation.
- 25 Kilbourn Council No. 9, R&SM, 7:00 pm, Stated Assembly.

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.

2014-2015 Officer Corps

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| Commander..... | Edward "Rusty" Mitchell, G.C., P.C. |
| Generalissimo..... | Clinton H. Cagle, G.W.,P.C. |
| Captain General..... | Michael P. Clinnin, G.T. |
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