



BRIGHT SPOT



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IVANHOE COMMANDERY NO. 24

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Forward

As we prepare to bid farewell to another calendar year we also prepare for the busiest time in the Templar year. Preparations are being made for our Annual Christmas Observance to be held on December fourth. You should have received your invitation along with your Dues notice. There is also an invitation printed in this issue. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate the birth of our Blessed Savior and memorialize those of our fraters who have departed our presence this past year. Join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

Christmas gives way to the new year and we have several Knights of Malta awaiting their Order of the Temple. Please see the calendar in this issue and make plans to attend as many of these Orders as possible and welcome these new fraters to the Ivanhoe family. Come and support them and renew your knightly vows. Your officers have been working hard to prepare themselves for this very important night in the life of a Christian Mason.



The new year also brings the travels of 'Inspection Season'. Join us as we travel to visit and support our sister commanderies throughout the state and renew our fellowship, friendship and brotherhood. All of our commanderies depend on the support of others to host a successful Inspection and Homecoming. Whether needing a station or two filled, or just needing Sir Knights to fill the lines for 'pass in review', the days of a commandery doing 'everything' on their own are in the past. Just as we need support, so to we need to lend support if we are all to be successful.

Don't forget to take your new Sir Knights with you as you visit, so they can learn our wonderful traditions and ritual. There is nothing more helpful than seeing the work performed on numerous occasions. They will not only learn from their own mistakes, but from the mistakes and good work of our fraters. Whether watching or participating, we always pick-up a pointer or two to improve our own ritualistic abilities.

And don't forget your world champion Ivanhoe Drill Team! In January we shall begin our 'build up' to the Triennial competition with monthly practices at South Milwaukee High School. Even those unable to join the team and travel to collect a new watch (Yes, I am planning ahead!) will learn much about our ritual tactics by attending practice. Whether a veteran Drill Team member, or a new member still trying to sort out that whole

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Prelate's Apartment

Thanksgiving Day

The month of November has no special days such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension or Christmas. In the early days of the United States, the Protestants celebrated Thanksgiving as a Holy Day. Today we celebrate it as a Holiday. In cities such as Boston, Massachusetts the majority of Christians were Protestants and Catholics were a small group. Those Catholics were small in numbers and Protestants did not celebrate Christmas as a religious Holy Day or Holiday. The name for the religious day in December that Catholics celebrated was Christmas or Christ Mass. Gradually over the years Protestants and Catholics came to the conclusion that both groups believed in Jesus Christ and their services eventually became more alike. Many countries in Europe became divided into Catholic, Lutheran or various Protestant groups.

The Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Day 2016 is a reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 17, verses 11-19.

As Jesus continued His journey to Jerusalem, He traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As He was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance and raised their voices, saying, Jesus, Master! Have pity on us! And when He saw them, He said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed, and one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." The Gospel of the Lord

The lepers stood at a distance because they were not permitted to approach people or enter into the villages. Only a **Samaritan**, despised by Jews, sets the example of gratitude for His healing. God's blessings are all too easily taken for granted or forgotten. Just think of how lonely these lepers were. No matter what problems we have, whether health of ourselves or our loved ones, we would not be as lonely as these lepers who could have only human contact with other lepers. They could not even return to their families until the priests had examined them and allowed them to return to normal life. Is it any wonder that the nine didn't think to return to thank Jesus? What if it had been one of us, once cast out and now thrown back into ordinary daily life?

*"Give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures forever."
2 Chronicles 20:21b*



**Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and
your goodness infinite;
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with
gratitude for Your kindness,
open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman,
and child,
so that we may share your gifts in loving service.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

Rev. S.K. Roger

Drill Floor

Sir Knights,

Thank you to all those Sir Knights who assisted with Wisconsin No. 1's inspection and all the other activities over the last few months. Due to several conflicts and other situations, we will be cancelling drill practice for November and December. We hope that this time off gives you an opportunity to be with family and to refresh your mind and soul.

We will begin practicing at South Milwaukee High School in January. We will learn the actual routine and start to set the lines. It is very important that everyone attend. Your participation is critical for us to have success. This is the time to make the commitment. If you are unable to attend any of the practices please let Drill Captain LeRoy or I know so that we can plan accordingly. The TEAM is YOU! All Knights are welcome to attend.

A few reminders for some of the newer Knights and all of us about practices at SMHS. Please make sure to wear comfortable tennis shoes. No dress shoes or boots are allowed on the floor. We will use our practice swords so you do not need to bring your sword and sling. There is no food or drink in the gym. Also bring a hat to wear; it helps us to see the head moves.

Lastly, remember that inspection season is just around the corner. Plan to attend as many of these as you can. It will help you to see the work we will need to do for our inspection ,but also reaffirms why Ivanhoe is what it is.

See you all on the drill floor!

Unto His Name be all the Glory,

S.K. Brad

Forward (Cont'd)

'left foot' and 'right foot' thing, you will enjoy the fun and camaraderie that the Drill Team has to offer.

And finally, as we join with our loved ones this month to thank our Lord for the manifold blessings we enjoy, let us not forget to give thanks for our beloved fraternity and the bonds we share with our fraters. Throughout the year these men have rejoiced in your happiness and sympathized in your sorrows. Often we are closer than family and are always there to lend a helping hand, a sympathetic ear, or a sturdy shoulder. I hope you enjoy this wonderful holiday with your family, and extended family. Let us pause and give thanks for all those we love and who love us. These are our greatest gifts... and our greatest joy.

May god bless you and yours. Happy Thanksgiving!



Annual Christmas Observance

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Hosted by: Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar
Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar



Ceremonies and Dinner to be held at:

Lake Masonic Center
1235 East Howard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



All family members and friends are invited.

Ceremony 4:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

*Please join us in celebrating the Birth of our Blessed Savior
and enjoy the holiday spirit with your Templar Family and Friends.*

Donations to: THE HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE FUND

Sir Knights: Full Templar Uniform, less Chapeau, Gloves and Sword.

Dinner: Carved Beef, Shrimp, Twice Baked Potato, Holiday Corn, and Assorted Cheesecakes.
\$20.00 per person.

Dinner Reservations: **Return by November 18, 2016**

Ivanhoe Christmas Observance

Please make checks payable to "Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24"

**Mail to: Mick Olson
618 Clark Avenue
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172**

Name (Please Print) _____

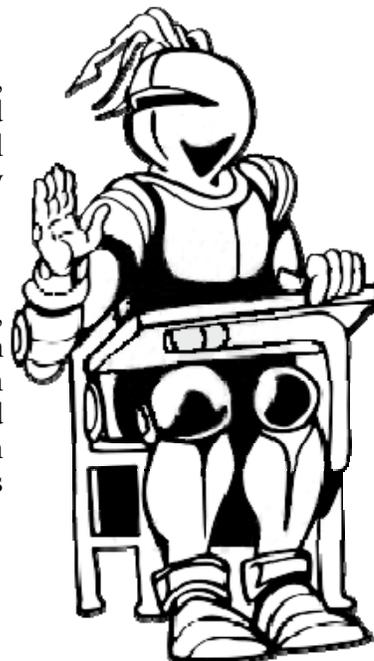
Commandery _____

Number _____ **@ \$20.00 each** **Total Enclosed \$** _____

Knight School

When an Officer is called upon to rehearse his duties, he will arise, advance one pace, draw sword and come to carry, face the Com, and sword salute. After the rehearsal is concluded, the Com will acknowledge the salute with a hand release, the Officer will then carry sword, face to the front, and come to Parade Rest.

On first being addressed, the Gen will arise, take one pace forward, make a partial facing to the left, and hand salute, which the Com immediately acknowledges with a hand release, and they drop hands in unison. After giving the Station of the War, the Gen again hand salutes, the Com hand releases, both drop hands in unison, the Gen makes a partial facing to the front, takes two steps backward and is seated.



S.K. Brian

Commander's Corner

Sir Knights,

This year is moving swiftly. Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is soon to follow. Our focus returns to the Order of the Temple for the remainder of 2016. The November 9th informal practice and November 16th dinner/practice will cover the OT. We have a form Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

and Order of Malta tentatively scheduled for December 14th. We will be dark on December 21st. Please send your November 16th dinner reservations to Recorder Mick. The number of last minute attendees is exceeding our caterers reserves. We look forward to sharing your fellowship, but if you do not reserve, there are no guarantees.

The first local Inspection is the combined Burlington/Waukesha/Racine Inspection on January 7th. We have been asked to assist in several areas. Please check the Bright Spot and emails for updates and reminders.

We will have an O.T. practice on November 9th and 16th. Please study your parts as the first O.T. is set for January 18th.

November 11th brings the Bethel 6 **Honor Masonic Bodies Night**, joint open meeting with Doric Chapter DeMolay and their famous Desert Auction. Please plan on attending. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

E.C. Michael

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

Check the calendar for upcoming practices. Inspection is just around the corner so make sure you know your part and are ready. We also have several Orders of the Temple to confer!

Kilbourn Council No. 9, RSM hosted a 'Table Council' on October 28, 2016. Our Companions from Waukesha Council No. 29 joined us for a night of fellowship and food. After a dinner with the usual toasts, the Companions retired to the Assembly Room and rededicated themselves to Cryptic Masonry in a wonderful ceremony written by Companions Brain Hudy and Brad Bingheim. We thank all who attended for a wonderful night of Cryptic Masonry.

Ivanhoe Commandery's Annual Christmas Observance and Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Please reserve the date and watch for details. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the birth of our Blessed Savior.

On October 29, 2017 several members of Kilbourn Council No. 9 made a pilgrimage to LaCrosse to receive the Super Excellent Master Degree. The degree was presented by our Companions from Minnesota who were gracious enough to journey into foreign lands and present the degree, which has not been seen in Wisconsin since 2007. We thank our Gopher Companions to the Northwest for their efforts and a fine presentation of this wonderful degree.



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 some wonderful home cooking!



Calendar of Events

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

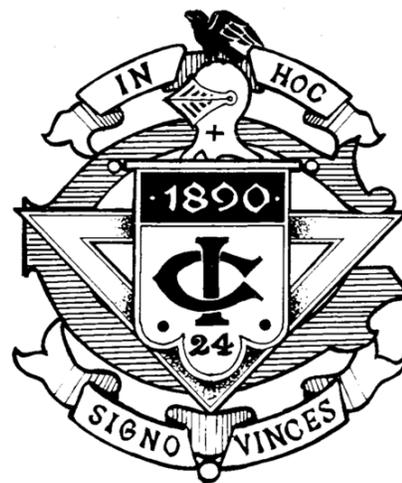
Nov 2	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Nov 9	O.T. Practice.
Nov 16	Special Conclave: Dinner/O.T. Practice.
Dec 4	Christmas Observance/Party.
Dec 7	Stated Conclave. (Rehearsal of Duties)
Dec 14	IORC/Malta Short Form Conferral
Dec 21	Special Conclave: Dark.
Jan 4	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Jan 11	O.T. Practice.
Jan 18	Special Conclave: Dinner/O.T. (1)
Feb 1	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Feb 8	O.T. (2)
Feb 15	Special Conclave: Subs/O.T. (3)
Mar 1	Stated Conclave. (Full Form Opening)
Mar 4	Inspection, 9:00 am. (4)
Mar 15	Special Conclave: Pizza/O.T. (5)
Mar 29	O.T. (If needed)
Apr 5	Stated Conclave. (Elections)
Apr 8	Easter Observance.
Apr 12	Practice/Drill.
Apr 19	Special Conclave: Dinner/Installation.

Drill Practices

Sunday, November 20 th	CANCELLED
Sunday, December 11 th	CANCELLED
Sunday, January 8 th	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, February 12 th	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, March 12 th	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, April 9 th	3-5pm SMHS

Sunday, May 14 th	3-5 pm SMHS
Sunday, June 11 th	3-5 pm SMHS

Sunday, June 18 th	Drill Team Exhibition - Grand Convocation Tripoli Shrine Center – Details TBA
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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 WATCH? 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
or call him at: (414) 672-9354

IVANHOE CALENDAR

November

- 2 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
Rehearsal of Duties.
- 7 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation.
- 9 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
Full Form Opening Practice.
- 12 Freemason Day. See the Lodge calendar
for planned activities.
- 16 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
Full Form Opening Practice. Dinner 6:00.
- 20 Drill Team Practice, 3:00 pm
Lake
- 23 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM, DARK
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Special Convocation.

December

- 4 Ivanhoe Christmas Observance, 4:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm. See Flyer.
- 5 West Allis No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation.
- 7 Ivanhoe Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm
Rehearsal of Duties.
- 14 Short Form Conferral, Illustrious Order of
the Red Cross and Order of Malta, 7:00
- 21 Ivanhoe Special Conclave, 7:00 pm
Full Form Opening Practice.
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 26 West Allis No. 84, RAM, DARK
Special Convocation.
- 28 Kilbourn No. 9, RSM, DARK



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

2015-2016 Officer Corps



Commander.....	Michael P. Clinnin
Generalissimo.....	Shawn P. Noble, G.W., P.C.
Captain General.....	Bradley E. Bingheim
Senior Warden.....	Daniel D. Gorecki
Junior Warden.....	Michael L. Fairbanks, G.T.
Prelate.....	Peter J. Misko
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Sword Bearer.....	Conrad W. Zvara
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Sentinel.....	Lyle R. Hubbard, K.T.C.H., P.C.
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Ladies of Ivanhoe, President.....Mrs. Dorothy Cigale
Ladies of Ivanhoe, Vice President...Mrs. Heidi Farrell

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